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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC)

Based on "hard" information received from the Intelligence Division of the Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, and supplemented by data made available by other reliable sources, the following items are considered as most closely establishing the current "demonstration and resistance" atmosphere as regards the Democratic National Convention.

It is reported that approximately 100 members of participating organizations have been identified as being in Chicago as of this date. There have not been any large mass meetings. Attendance at training exercises and other get-togethers has been poor. An attempt to pack a U. S. District Courtroom to demonstrate against an unfavorable decision relative to the issuance of parade permits resulted in the appearance of about 25 persons. A press conference by the National Committee to End the War in Vietnam, which was to be held in the vicinity of the Federal Building and at which television cameras were observed, was also poorly attended in that only 15 or 20 persons were noted to have congregated.

It is reported that the "McCarthy people" have withdrawn their support of any demonstrations and authorities feel this has been a serious blow to the National Mobilization Committee plans. It should be noted, however, that a number of local McCarthy groups are cooperating in arranging travel to the Convention and many of his supporters will attend. It has been suggested that it was necessary for McCarthy to publicly disassociate himself from the protest activity and any appearance of acquiescing to such pressuring of convention delegates in his behalf.

The Movement for a Democratic Society (MDS) - an adult affiliate or adjunct of the militant anti-establishment Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) - has allegedly targeted 100 locations in Chicago to include the Illinois Institute of Technology, draft boards, welfare offices, induction centers and recruiting centers. Leaders of the Movement for a Democratic Society urge civil disorder and have made plans for legal defense.

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A direct threat against the Central Intelligence Agency's Domestic Contact Service Office in the Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, has been disclosed. Two fliers published by RAT, an underground newspaper published in New York City, with ties to the National Mobilization Committee lead by Thomas Hayden, mention that office in connection with the National Mobilization Committee's planned activity during the Democratic National Convention. The 20 August 1968 issue of the Chicago American contained a page one article headed "Pacifists to try Running CIA Out of Town." Included in the article which quotes Tom Hayden's announcement of the National Mobilization Committee demonstration plans is his allegation that "militants would attempt to run the staff of the CIA at the Federal Building, 219 South Dearborn Street, out of town."

Neither the FBI nor local police agencies can predict either the number or magnitude of incidents likely, but as of 21 August 1968 felt the situation appears to be well under control.